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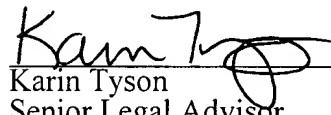
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Dear Mr. Read:

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the application for patent term extension of U.S. Patent No. 5,951,974. The application was filed on March 7, 2001, under 35 U.S.C. § 156.

The patent claims a product that was subject to regulatory review under the Public Health Service Act. Subject to final review, the subject patent is considered to be eligible for patent term restoration. Thus, a determination by your office of the applicable regulatory review period is necessary. Accordingly, notice and a copy of the application are provided pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 156(d)(2)(A).

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